

More useful, most useful: Comparisons 4 (of 4) ★★

We're still talking about medium –length ADJECTIVES (two SYLLABLES).

There are three kinds: those that use –er and –est (*happier*), those that use *more* and *most* (*more useful*), and those that use both.

1 More thoughtful (than)



She's more thoughtful than her brother.
(She's a more thoughtful girl than her brother)

2 The most famous



He's the most famous man I know.

Cartoons: Holden-Hotopf

More examples:

advanced, careful, peaceful, thoughtful, patient, famous, cunning, daring, solid, striking, willing

Note: these are mostly adjectives ending in –ed, –ing, –ful, –ent, or –ous.

For one-syllable adjectives (*fat, tall, young*), see GB 140

For three-syllable adjectives (*wonderful, amazing*), see GB 141

For two-syllable adjectives ending in –ly, see GB 142

Quick check

Complete each sentence with the right form of one of the adjectives (+ *more, most, –er* or *–est*, and *the* if necessary):

careful funny heavy peaceful tired

- 1 I feel _____ than I have ever been, I'm exhausted.
- 2 Of all the comedians, Hugh Dennis is _____. He made me laugh so much.
- 3 He is _____ and meticulous worker I have ever had.
- 4 My suitcase is _____ than yours, it weighs 15 kilos at least.
- 5 In the Middle East they deserve a _____ environment, less war and violence.